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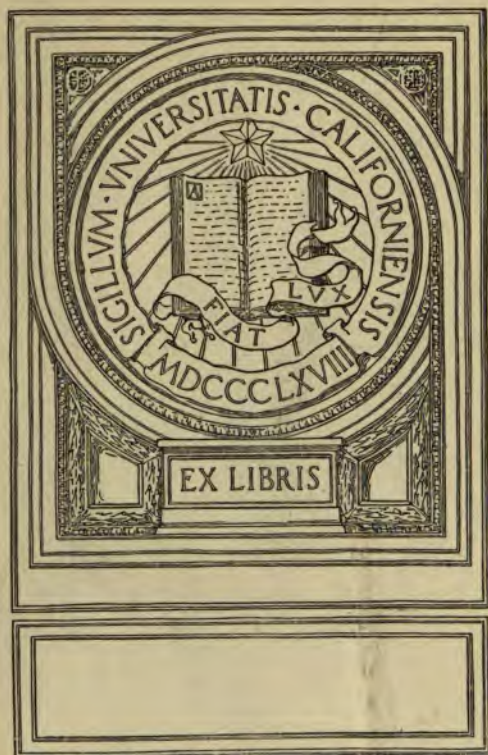
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# 1870

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bizziness ov their own, which I am instruktet tew  
state, iz payin well.

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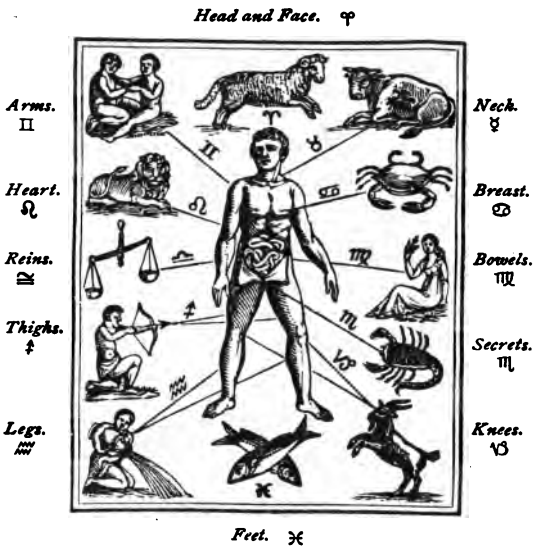
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## SIGNS OV THE ZODIAK.

The undersigned iz an Amerikan brave, in hiz grate tragick akt ov being attaked bi the twelve constella-shuns.—(May the best man win.)



## KEY TEW THE ABUV PERFORMANCE.

Tew kno exackly whare the sighn iz, multiply the day ov the month bi the sighn, then find a dividend that will go into a divider four times without enny remains, sub-trakt this from the sighn, add the fust quoshunt tew the last divider, then multiply the whole ov the man's boddy bi all the sighns, and the result will be jist what yu are looking after.

to Bill  
Absolum

### ***BILLINGS' FAMILY TIME TABLE.***

Amazi begot Hezaki, Hezaki begot Eldad, Eldad begot Behomath, Behomath begot Zepheniah (*Zepheniah was a conumdrum maker, sum ov which hav been handed down*), Zepheniah begot Ezekiel, Ezekiel begot Issacher (*Issaker was a bad speller, which has bin handed down too*), Issaker begot Nehemiah, Nehemiah begot Methuseler, Methuseler begot Nabob (*Nabob was a snob*), Nabob begot Jerryemiah, and Jerryemiah begot Absolum Billings (*who is admitted bi every boddy who remembers him tew be the most humblyest looking man in the 9th Century*). Absolum begot Josh, and so they kept bizzy begotting.

After the Billings family once struck the front name, *Josh*, they clung tew it. I find over 6 hundred ov that name extant, besides a grate menny who haz bekum extanted.

The Billings hav bin a helthy old breed az fur back az i have dug for them, which they owe principally tew a milk diet. It iz sed that Behomath Billings, one ov our pristines, could drean a cow perfektly dry at one sitting. If this iz so, it helps explain the great amount ov milk in the Billings natur.

I dont find enny old bachelors, nor old maids, among our ansesstors, inkrease and multiply haz alwus bin the battle cry of the Billings.

## OPINIONS OF THE PRESS

AFTER SEEING THE ADVANCE SHEETS OV

# Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

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"We seldum notis the current Amerikan literature ov the day, but the Billings Allminax, soon tew be issued by Carleton, is a work for the mothers of the Amerikan Union."—*London Times*, June 6th, 1869.

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"Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax iz az phull ov gems az a diamond neklace, az phull of knowledge az Webster's Spellin Book, and az phull of cooking and cures az a parson's wife."—*London Athenaeum*, May 31st, 1869.

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"The virtewous thoughts in Josh's Allminax iz gin cocktails for the idle, and brandy straights for the viscious."—*Atlantik Semi-Monthly*, May 3d, 1869.

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"The Billings' Allminax will prove a rare acquisition tew Amerikan literature; the astronomikal calculashuns are unique, the language elegant, the moral perfekt, the sentiments just, and the whole thing extremely bully."—*Boston Ledger*, May 1st, 1869.

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"In theze daze of tawdry novels, imbecile poetry, and florid histories, it iz charming tew take up such a brilliant thing az Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax, whare philosophy and sentiment frolik together, and whare wit sits in state, with one arm around the waist ov morality."—*Omaha Patriot*, July 4th, 1869.

### *JANUARY MONOGRAPH.*

This month waz nained after one Janus, a sharp sighted old chap, with a face like a pikaxe, so that he could look both ways at once, back onto the old year, and forward onto the new one. At the latter part ov his life he died of a thaw, leaving a snug little property, sum six or seven hundred dollars, which akordin tew one ov the bye-laws ov hiz will, waz invested in tin back thermometers, and distributed among the suffering poor ov his native village, az mementoze ov Janus.

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### *DOMESTIX RECEIPTS.*

Tew find the square root ov a hog's noze, turn him into a gardin patch.

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Tew enjoy a good reputashun, giv publickly, and steal privately.

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Tew remove grease from a man's karakter, let him strike sum sudden ile.

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Tew giv oysters an extra good relish, eat them at sumboddy else's expense.

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Tew git wrong things out ov yure child's head,—comb it often.





### ***FEBUARY MONOGRAPH.***

This month haz but 28 days, the extreme kold weather that prevails haz puckered up the month. Once in four years thare iz a big melt and then the month swells, and haz 29 days. This month iz looked upon az unpleasant, and it iz unpleasant for digging out woodchucks, but for setting in front of the fire, and skinning apples, and snapping the seeds at the galls, it kant be beat. The name ov this month is derived from an old Chinese word (now lost) which means *condem kold*.

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### ***USEFUL HINTS TEW BOARDIN HOUSE KEEPERS.***

In buying roast beef, dont forgit, that roast beef, tew be bully, must be tuff.

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Be kerful how yu soke yure makrel, too mutch sokeing, takes the wear out ov them.

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In selekting a yung goose for yure table, dont forgit tew remember, that the longer a goose has lived in this world, the more experience he will hav, when he cums tew be chawed.

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Keep a cow, and then the milk wont hav tew be watered but once.

Q.—What iz the best kure for  
lazyness ? ☉ ☿ ☊ ☋ ☌ ☍ ☎



*Bring out yure bran nu cutter,  
And git yure galls consent,  
Then hitch up Dobbin, or sum other kruttur,  
And let the animile went.*

A.—Milking a cow on the run,  
and living on the milk.

☉	☿	Prognostix.	SHAD SCALES.
1	T	♀ Gusty ☉ squalls &	Fools are the whet stuns ov society.  —o—
2	W	St. ☿ Valentine ☿	
3	T	☉ killed 270 ☉	
4	F	☿ more gusty	If a man haint got a well bal- lanced head, i like tew see him part hiz hair in the middle.  —o—
5	S	Valentine ☉ ☿	
6	G	waz ☿ Cupid's ☿	
7	M	♀ Corresponding	It iz a strange and lamentable fakt, that yu kant advance, nor even inaugurate, a moral move- ment without the aid ov money— yu kan run a saw mill on credit, but yu kant run the gospel.  —o—
8	T	Secretary ☿ snow ☿	
9	W	☿ storms still	
10	T	loafing ☿ around ☉	When i waz yung, i used tew feel good six days in two, but now i am old, if I kan manage tew feel good two days in six, i think i am doing fust rate.  —o—
11	F	☉ the ☿ sky * Roger	
12	S	Sherman waz a ☿	
13	G	shoemaker ☿ farmers	Flattery iz like colone water, tew be smelt ov, not swallowed.  —o—
14	M	☿ will ☿ now ☿	
15	T	☉ sprinkle their	
16	W	hay with brine ☿ ☉	
17	T	☿ and skcratch their	
18	F	pigs ☉ backs ☉ snow	
19	S	☿ falls ☿ in ☿	
20	G	chunks ☿ now ☿	
21	M	trap for ☿ mice	
22	T	☿ ☿ and other	
23	W	furs ☉ pepper ☿	
24	T	sass fust discovered	
25	F	☿ 1496 sighns ov a ☿	
26	S	*thaw Ben Franklin	
27	G	waz a ☿ printer.	
28	M		

### *MARCH MONOGRAPH.*

This month derives her pedigree from the Danish verb "*Whizz*," which means to blow, to wheeze, to snort, to pitch in endways, and crossways, to shake winder blinds, to smash barn doors, to skare pigs, to brake clothes lines, to make men sware, and wimmin balky. March iz principally immense for wind, but whare it all cums from, and whare it all goes to, are prize conumdrums which i kant untangle. Dogs kreated this month invariably hav the bark on.

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### *ATTENSHUN FARMERS.*

Rathbun's "Old oaken bucket washing masheen." For washing, bleaching, bileing, wringing, starching, blueing, hanging out, drieing, ironing, marking, fluting, and folding clothes, this lovely masheen haz no competitor in the male, or femail world. This iz the only masheen in the western hemisphear, that takes the inside cloth oph from a man's back on the keen jump, and puts it back agin, in 15 minnitts, washed, dried, ironed, starched, the buttons sowed on, and the collar turned down. Ask for Rathbun's Old oaken bucket washing masheen, and keep asking till yu git it, and when yu hav got it, hug it tew yure buzzum.

31 Days.

MARCH.

1870.

Q.—Will yu please to define  
suicide? t†† δ δ Δ ?



Mend fences now, and ditches dig,  
Lay in some cow, and little pig,  
For milk, and pork,  
Is what enables a man tew do a good square day's work.

A.—Suicide iz cheating the  
doktors out ov a job.

#	††	Prognostix.	SARDINES.
1	T	∞ Windy† winds ∅	Thare is only one good substi- tute for the endearments of a sis- ter, and that iz the endearments ov sum other phellows sister.
2	W	with sighns † ∞ ∞	
3	T	∞ ov † ∞ † wind	
4	F	"Sorosis" (∞) fust	—○— Cheerfull old girls are the brides maids ov society.
5	S	born ∅ ∏ 1206 born	
6	G	∅ agin ∞ ∅ ∅	
7	M	1868 & very & windy	—○— About the meanest kritter thare iz now travelling around on the buzzum ov the earth, iz a bashfull hypokritt.
8	T	with ∅ ∏ wind	
9	W	∏ & gusts peach ∞	
10	T	crop cut ∞ ∞	—○— I hope i shall never hav so mutch reputashun, that i shant feel obliged tew be civil.
11	F	off az ∅ ∅ ∅ usual	
12	S	Robinson † ∞ † Cruso	
13	G	∞ & died ∅ 1492	—○— The biggest phool in this world hazn't been born yet.
14	M	now yoke † ∅ pigs	
15	T	and geese ∞ ft	
16	W	plant ∅ lobsters	—○— Natur is just az honest az a cow.
17	T	and ∅ ∅ lettiss for	
18	F	∅ sallad look ∅ out	
19	S	∅ for ∞ wind	
20	G	count † ∅ yure ∞	
21	M	∞ cockroaches ∞	
22	T	and see if ∏ ∅ enny	
23	W	∞ hav bin ∅ mislaid	
24	F	congress ∅ ∅	
25	S	adjourns ∅ less ∅	
26	G	wind sour ∅ and	
27	M	cold a ∅ ∅ good ∞	
28	T	∅ ∞ time ∅ to	
29	W	trade off ∅ ∞	
30	T	a mule ∞ ∞	
31	T		


### *APRIL MONOGRAPH.*


"April, dear April, chuck full ov charms,  
Cum, cum, oh cum, tew mi arms,"  
thus warbled the poet, more than twelve thousand years  
ago, and he knew his bizz, he had the right sting in him,  
he want none ov yure pedigree poets, nor dispepshee  
poets, nor wiskee poets.


Dandylions planted this month are almost sure tew hed  
out, so are tud stools, so are hed cheeze. This month  
iz also helthy for planting onions, onions are a luxury,  
and are good for a bad breth, or are bad for a good  
breth, i hav forgot which, but either way iz right.


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### *VALUABEL ADVICE TEW YUNG SPORTSMEN.*

 In fishing for musketoze dont wait for them tew  
bite the seckond time.

 The best bait for bed bugs, iz tew sleep three in  
a bed.

 The best mark for target praktiss iz an old  
maskuline goose, one goose will last yu for five years  
shooting, and when he finally gits struck with lightning,  
and begins tew perish, yu kan melt him up, and git out  
the lead.

 The best kind ov a spear, for bullfrogging, iz a  
four tined dung fork, when you git the tines all full,  
shoulder the fork, and put for home.

30 Days.

APRIL.

1870.

Q.—How long kan a goose  
stand on one leg?

*Jethro Sparks cum tew town,  
Athwart a kussid mule,  
He wound his ears around his nek,  
And called him April Phule.*

A.—Try it,—that's the way  
the goose found out.

?	mn	Prognostix.	EMBERS ON THE HARTH.
1	F	<i>Showery</i> ☿ <i>expekt</i> ☉	He whom the good praze, and the wicked hate, ought tew be satisfied with hiz reputashun.
2	S	☿ <i>rain</i> ☿ stern	
3	G	winter iz ☿ Δ mn	
4	M	o'er☿sow peas ☉	The less a man knows, the more he will guess at, and guessing iz nothing more than suspicion.
5	T	and plant lambs ☿	
6	W	now Δ Washington	
7	T	waz the ☿ father ☿	It is a statistikal fakt, that the wicked work harder tew reach Hell, than the righteous do tew git to heaven.
8	F	☿ov hiz ☉ (country)	
9	S	☉ <i>wet rain</i> ☉ ☿	
10	G	Washington ☿ when	When i git thoroughly ritche, the fust thing i intend to do, iz tew bekum respektabel.
11	M	a little boy had ☉ ☿	
12	T	☿ a little ☿ ☿	
13	W	ax☿ ☿ <i>gentle</i>	Men generally, when they whip a mule, sware, the mule remem- bers the swaring, but forgits the licking.
14	T	☿ <i>showers</i> ☿ ☿ with	
15	F	which he ☿ ☿	
16	S	☉ ☿ tomahawked	
17	G	a tree ☉ <i>signs</i> ov	
18	M	☿ <i>moisture</i> but ☿ ☿	
19	T	when ☿ asked ☿	
20	W	☿ if he did the tree	
21	T	cut ☿ <i>big rain</i> ☿ he	
22	F	☿ ☿ owned the	
23	S	korn ☉ ☉ lager	
24	G	beer diskovered ☿	
25	M	☿ not to be ☿ ☉	
26	T	intoxicating ☿ ☿	
27	W	1845 ☿ patent taken	
28	T	out ☿ now dig ☿	
29	F	for umbrellers ☿ ☿	
30	S		

### *MAY MONOGRAPH.*

May iz the belle ov the year, she haz worn the belt for five thousand years. If May hadn't hav been a sensible girl, she would hav bin spilte long ago with poetry and stanzy. But she is an independant kritter, and dont care one kuss for stanzy. This iz an eazy month tew fall in love, our naturs are now fully thawd out, after the late kold snap, and like a little melted brook, begin tew look around, tew find another little melted brook tew mix with. Oh! how precious and delightsum it iz to mix. Hive bees during this month, if yu hav got sum, if not, hive sumboddy else's.

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### *PATTEENTS ISSUED DURING 1869.*

Feb. 1st. To Ambrose Griddle, Esq., a pattent for a hen's egg, which beats the natral egg for awl purposes, except, cooking, hatching, and eating.

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April 13th. To Ezra Push, Jun., a pattent for a one wheeled velosipede. This wise instrumentality haz two handles tew it, and iz purswaded by taken hold ov the handles, and walking between them with a shove moshun. If it wasn't a velosipede, it would be an old fashioned wheelbarrow.

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March 10th. To David Gibson, for a pattent goose yoke. These yokes are packed in cotton wool, and sent bi express all over the face ov the earth, they are sudden tew yoke a goose with, and no goose should be without one.



31 Days.

MAY.

1870.

Q.—What will yu compare  
old maids to? ☉ ☿ ♀

*The Rooster now with burstin thrut,  
Proclaims the rozy morn,  
And cacklin hens are telling us,  
Another egg is born.*

A.—Embers on the hearth,  
from which the sparks  
have fled. ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀ ♀

♂	♀	Prognostix.	RAMRODS.
1	G	✕ "Physician ♀	Piety iz like beans, it seems tew do the best on a poor sile.
2	M	heal thyself," ☉ ♂	
3	T	* big joke ☐	
4	W	♂ on physician ♀	—○—
5	T	now ♀ plant Δ ♂ ♀	
6	F	♂ corn ♀ for early	
7	S	whiskey ♂ showers	About the hardest thing a phellow kan do, iz tew spark two girls at onst, and preserve a good average.
8	G	with sun (☉)	
9	M	in them ♀ spring	
10	T	2f haz cum ☿ ●	—○—
11	W	adorned like ☿	
12	T	☉ a bride ♀	
13	F	sighns ☿ ov	I had rather be a seed cow- cumber, flung up on a wood pile, tew ripen, than tew be an old bachelor.
14	S	☉ rain ☉ brides	
15	G	alwus create a ☉ ●	
16	M	● ☿ ☿ sensashun	—○—
17	T	♂ thunder ♀	
18	W	mixed with Δ ♂	
19	T	rain ☿ it iz more	Better leave yure childr'n virtew, than money, but this iz a sekret known only to a few.
20	F	& diffikult tew ☿	
21	S	be a bride ♀	
22	G	♀ than a brides ☉	—○—
23	M	maid ☿ babes	
24	T	✕ ♀ in the ☉ ♂	
25	W	woods diskovered ♀	Going tew law, iz like skinning a nu milk cow for her hide, and giving the beef tew the lawyers.
26	T	♀ Δ 1626 ♂ ♀	
27	F	☿ harvest	
28	S	cowslops for ☿ ☿	
29	G	greens ♀ eggs	
30	M	☿ plenty—	
31	T		

### *JUNE MONOGRAPH.*

June iz twin sister tew May, lacking a month. She iz named after Juno, the spouze ov Jupiter, and she waz a stirring woman. June iz the mother of rozes and milk. June iz the stepmother of good gras butter, she iz also grate granmother ov Bakon and Spinnage. June iz a praktikal gusher, and i love tew stand one side, and let her gush,—i hav made it a rule never tew git in the way ov a gush ov enny kind,—i say tew everything, gush ! oh, gush !

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### *WORDS TEW HOUSEWIFES.*

To make a cheap soup, take 5 drops ov good strong onion juice, add 2 gall's ov water, bile 10 minnits karefully, and season with a couple ov phatt cockroches.

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To make a hoe kake, take a hoe and bile it tew a thin jell, and then,—let her kake.

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Tew skin a Eel, turn him inside out, and remove the meat with a Jack plane.

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Tew make a hen lay 2 eggs a day, reazon with her ; if that dont dew, threaten to chastize her if she dont.

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Tew learn yure offspring to steal, make them beg hard for all that yu giv them.

30 Days.

JUNE.

1870.

Q.—Whi are robbers like  
rain? ☉ ☿ ☽ ☾ ☿ ☿ ☿



*Now bate yure hook, and find a brook,  
Where water runs the fasstest,  
Thare lays the trout, jist jerk him out,  
And chuck him in yure basket.*

A.—Because they fall on the  
just and the unjust.

☿ ☽	☿ ☽	Prognostix.	OATS.
1	W	<i>At times warm ☉ at</i>	
2	T	<i>☉ ☿ other times</i>	The time tew be karefullest iz
3	F	<i>☽ warmer ☽ ☽</i>	when we hav a hand full ov
4	S	<i>muskeeters ☿ ☽ ☿</i>	trumps.
5	G	<i>☿ ☽ looking for a</i>	—○—
6	M	<i>job ☽ ☽ Sinbad</i>	
7	T	<i>the sailort ☽</i>	Old dorgs nuss their grudges,
8	W	<i>☽ wrecked ☿</i>	but yung purps fite, and then
9	T	<i>☽ 1385 hot sighns</i>	frolick.
10	F	<i>ov warm ☽ ☽</i>	—○—
11	S	<i>weather ☽ straw</i>	
12	G	<i>berries ☽ 25</i>	
13	M	<i>cents a quart ☽</i>	<i>Mother!</i> —The holy thoughts,
14	T	<i>☽ ☽ strawberries</i>	and memorys, that cluster around
15	W	<i>large, quarts small ☽</i>	this name, can never be so well
16	T	<i>☽ showers ☽ ☽</i>	expressed, az in the calm utterance
17	F	<i>with ☽ ☽ rain ☽ ☽</i>	ov the name itself.
18	S	<i>remember the ☿</i>	—○—
19	G	<i>poor natur ☽ ☽</i>	
20	M	<i>grows ☽ Old</i>	
21	T	<i>☽ Grimes died</i>	I thank the Lord for one thing,
22	W	<i>1785 ☽ he had</i>	that the hardest word in enny
23	T	<i>☽ a good old ☽</i>	language tew say, iz—No!
24	F	<i>☽ soul ☽ dark</i>	—○—
25	S	<i>nights ☽ mint</i>	
26	G	<i>juleps in ☽ ☽</i>	I had rather undertaik tew be
27	M	<i>market ☽ ☽ fakts</i>	two <i>good</i> Doves, than one <i>decent</i>
28	T	<i>☽ are stubborn ☽</i>	sarpent.
29	W	<i>things ☽ so be mules</i>	
30	T		

### *JULY MONOGRAPH.*

July iz the sixth month, which ackounts for its being so near the middle ov the year. It derives its name from "Julos" a hot old phellow, who settled near the equator, at an early day, and kept every boddy in hiz naberhood, in a profound swett. July haz menny features ov *interest*, the *principle* one ov which, iz, the payment ov semi-annual *interest*, by most ov the banks, on the fust day ov the month, upon their *principal*. This iz a fine old custom, and i hope it will be kept up, for i own a leetle bank stock, and take sum *interest* in the *principle*.

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### *A NEW TOOL.*

*"Rogers grate western hoss rake."*

John Rogers revolving, expanding, uncerimonius, self-adjusting, self-contrakting, self-sharpening, self-greasing, and self-righteous Hoss Rake, iz now, and forever, offered tew a generous publik. Theze rakes are az eazy tew keep in repair az a hitching post, and will rake up a paper ov pins, sowed broad kast, in a ten aker lot ov wheat stubble. Theze rakes kan be used in the winter for a hen roost, or be sawed up into stove wood for the kitchen fire. No farmer, ov good moral karakter, should be without this rake, not even if he haz to steal one.

31 Days.

JULY.

1870.

Q.—Where do the vain  
go tew when they die?

Young man!—let hornets be, and dont go nigh  
The pizen snaik tew mutch,  
For during the month ov Julii,  
They aint helthy tew the tutch.

A.—The barbers shop. \$11

Pr	Q	Prognostix.	DOUGH NUTS.
1	F	☿ ☉ Mad dogs	I hav alwus notised one thing, when a man gits in a tite spot, he dont never call on hiz friend the Devil tew help him out.
2	S	seen ☿ muzzle	
3	G	yure ☿ ☿	
4	M	☞ children ☉	
5	T	☿ look out	The man who haz just found out that he kant afford tew burn green wood, haz taken hiz fust lesson in econemy.
6	W	for a hotness ☐ ☿	
7	T	☿ owe no ☿	
8	F	man ☿ keep cool ☿	
9	S	hail storm ☐ hail	I think now if I had all the money that iz due me i would invest it in a saw mill,—and let her rip.
10	G	☿ ☿ stones ☿ ☿	
11	M	weigh sevrul ☞	
12	T	tons ☿ ☿ that	
13	W	iz all ☿ * * *	A good wife iz a sweet smile from heaven.
14	T	that fell 2f the	
15	F	2f hot iz more ☿	
16	S	hot ☿ ☉ ☿ saw	
17	G	☿ horses begin ☿	A big noze iz sed to be a sighn ov genius,—if a mans genius lays in hiz noze, i should say the sighn waz a good one.
18	M	tew pant ☿ ☿	
19	T	☿ wet shower ☿	
20	W	☿ more ☿ ☿ ☿	
21	T	☿ warm ☿	
22	F	☿ 2f a penny	
23	S	saved iz ☿ ☿	
24	G	☿ worth 2f two ☿	
25	M	lost ☿ ☿ pray	
26	T	for ice ☿ ☿	
27	W	☿ ☿ flies lively	
28	T	☿ now harvest	
29	E	rye for ☿ ☉	
30	S	whiskee ☿ ☿	
31	G		

### *AUGUST MONOGRAPH.*

This month, for sum reason, haz got a hot way ov doing things. Awl natur unties her corsets and loafa bi the side ov brooks, with stockingless feet, tew ketch the cool words ov singing waters, and watch the bubbles ov sweet, that rize on the nozé ov the green frog, az they set down on themselves, on the moss upholstered stones.

Butter spreads itself freely during this month. Snakes slip eazy, and Cupid crawls behind the shadder ov a dieing roze, and shutes hiz gun at the galls, and boys.

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### *THINGS WORTH KNOWING.*

Tew milk a kicking cow, stand oph about 10 foot, and holler "*So / darn you.*"

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Tew make light bread, do az the bakers do,—call 9 ounces a pound.

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Tew make oxtale soup, bile an ox in a pot, and let the caudel continuation hang over the edge ov the pot and drip.

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Tew git at the solid kontents ov yure wife's tongue, be verry sweet with the new skool mom in yure distrikt.

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Tew break a mule—commence at his head.

31 Days.

AUGUST.

1870.

Q.—What iz the capacity  
ov an omnibus? .Q.

*Now chop down oats,  
And hew down barley,  
Rise with the sun,  
And go tew bed arly.*

A.—The same az a grave  
yard, it takes all  
that cums. .Q.

Q	O	Prognostix.	STUB ENDS.
1	M	δ Expekt pack o	A lie iz like a kat, it never cums tew yu in a straight line.
2	T	pedlers ≡ dry	
3	W	and hot * ice	
4	T	q iz trumps †	
5	F	great drouth †	The longest lived thing i kno ov, iz a nickname.
6	S	auctioneers †	
7	G	q dry q	
8	M	⊙ up ⊙ Don'	
9	T	Quixot fights ⊙	Most men go through life az rivers go tew the sea, bi following the lay ov the ground.
10	W	a wind mill ⊙	
11	T	1342 † gits	
12	F	whipped the †	
13	S	⊙ fust round	If I had a mule who wouldn't neither kick, nor bite, i should watch him dredful cluss till i found out whare hiz malice did lie.
14	G	† honesty †	
15	M	iz the best q	
16	T	policy δ better	
17	W	δ than a life †	The devil iz a mean kuss, he never keeps hiz own promises, but alwus makes us keep ours.
18	T	≡ insurance	
19	F	policy §§ uncommon	
20	S	● hot † rag dolls	
21	G	perspire freely †	
22	M	rain with thunder**	
23	T	● heat increases	
24	W	● thermometers bile	
25	T	over ● Adam	
26	F	q waz the ††	
27	S	fust man †	
28	G	cooler † that	
29	M	● * kissed a	
30	T	woman * †	
31	W		

### *SEPTEMBER MONOGRAPH.*

September iz named after "Septus" which thrashed out into Amerikan, means seven. I wouldn't take 500 dollars for the latin i know, and i don't-kno mutch nuther. Sept. iz a lakadaisikal month, mello az the decayed side of a punkin, and as sensitive az a boarding school miss, during her fust quarter in french. Natur makes her will this month—hogs root violently—birds hold convenshuns, and adjourn down south—tree toads boost each other up trees and warble sum anthems—katydid's chew musick and spit it out freely, and bull frogs post their books.

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### *MORE ADVICE TEW YOUNG SPORTSMEN.*

In shooting at a deer that looks like a calf, always aim so az tew miss it if it iz a calf, and to hit it if it iz a deer.

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In fishing for krabs, use yure fingers for bait, yu kan feel them when they fust bite.

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Dont fire at a bumble bee on the wing, not till he settles, then take good aim, and knock him endways.

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In bobbing for Eels, use a raw potato, yu may not bag much Eels, but yu kan bag a bob, that yu kan hand down tew yure ancestors untarnished.



30 Days.

SEPTEMBER.

1870.

Q.—How fast duz sound  
travel?

*This month pull flax,  
And teeth that ake,  
Lay in bees wax,  
And emptins kake.*

A.—The sound ov a dinner  
horn travels one mile  
in a seckond.

#	II	Prognostix.
1	T	<i>Limpsey weather</i> ♀
2	F	♂ moon in perigree
3	S	☾ Jim Crow
4	G	born 1836 ✕ now
5	M	☿ ☉ dry apples
6	T	for sass ☉ rain
7	W	<i>threatnings</i> ♂ money
8	T	tight ♀ ♀ fall
9	F	bonnets appear ♀
10	S	☿ ☉ they are
11	G	ravishing ♀ ♀
12	M	cool ☿ ♀ to a 20
13	T	dollar bill ☉
14	W	☿ now fish for ☉
15	T	crabs ♀ rain drizzle
16	F	☿ crabs bite with
17	S	their feet & smoky
18	G	<i>weather</i> ☉ ☿ and
19	M	hang on like ✕
20	T	a poor relashun ☿
21	W	☿ use cod ☿
22	T	liver oil ♀
23	F	☿ more wet ☐ for
24	S	greasing waggons ♀
25	G	grate snake ~
26	M	seen at ☿ *
27	T	Nuport 1820 △ 12
28	W	miles long ☿ Venus
29	T	*an evening star *
30	F	

## OLD CHEEZE.

Medicine haz cost the world  
more than bread haz, and haz  
killed more than it haz cured.

Marriage tew a coquette iz  
often, "letters ov marque and  
reprisal."

It iz very diffikult for a poor  
man tew be superior tew hiz for-  
tune, and more diffikult for a rich  
one.

Hunting after health, iz like  
hunting after fleas, the more yu  
hunt, the more flees you will find.

The devil iz sed tew be the  
"father ov lies," if this iz so, he  
haz got a numerous family, and  
sum very promising children  
amongst them.

### *OCTOBER MONOGRAPH.*

October iz one ov the fall months, Adam iz sed tew hav fell this month, but sich assershuns are like standing oph a half a mile, in a cloudy day, and guessing at the number ov fleas on a dorg, more sincere, than sartain. The strongest attrakshun for me, in this month, iz her natral cider; the man who don't admire good natral cider, must be a condem phool.

Prepare for a hard winter during this month, bi repenting ov yure sins, and gitting up a good big wood pile.

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### *PECK'S CHURN, AND BRISTOW'S SOWING MASHEEN.*

Theze churns are the pride ov invenshun, the genius ov improvement, a viktory over time, and a conquest ov labor. They will fetch butter from cream in 2 seckonds, from milk in 2 minnits, and from water, inside ov a very short time. Better be without a spellin book, or even a pack of kards, in a growing family, than not tew hav one ov Peck's Churns. Peck iz a philanthropist, every housewife in the world, should put on a clean white apron, hold up both hands on high, and shout, Bully!! oh! Bully! for Peck.

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Buy Bristow's double-thread, cross-stitch, rivet-seam, dovetail-henmer, lighting-movement, krank-moshun sowing masheen. Theze masheens took all the premiums at the late lamented Paris imposishun, and one ov them, which waz sent tew a farmer in Tiogy county last fall, on trial, sowed up the whole family in a hard not, in less than three days, besides sowing fourteen acres of winter rye.

31 Days.

OCTOBER.

1870.

Q.—Will you please to state  
what lies are? ☉ ☽



*The yello korn now scents the gale,  
And harvest boys the milk maids wake,  
With matin songs, in praises of,  
Hasty puddin, and Johnny cake.*

A.—Lies are the grease on  
the snakes belly. ♀

☿	♂	Prognostix.	BIRDS TRACKS.
1	S	☉ Jack Frost ●	
2	G	born ♀ of	How menny people thare iz
3	M	poor but honest	whoze souls hang in them, like
4	T	☉ ☽ parents ☿ now	the pith in a gooze quill.
5	W	hunt for cider ☉	—○—
6	T	♂ moon in ♀	
7	F	apogee ☿ ☽	
8	S	● air brittle ☿	Opinyuns are like other kinds
9	G	snakes hang ☿	ov vegetables, worth jist what
10	M	☿ up their sled	they will fetch.
11	T	sighns a kold ☿ ☽	—○—
12	W	snap ☽ ☽ let her	
13	T	snap ☽ ☽ begin	
14	F	yure promiskuss	When a man gits so reduced
15	S	sparkling ☽ ☽	that he kant help ennyboddy else,
16	G	☽ ☽ knowledge iz	we then vote him a penshun for
17	M	power ☿ pumpkin	the rest ov hiz life, by calling him
18	T	pies begin ☿	a <i>poor devil</i> .
19	W	tew loaf ☿ ☽	—○—
20	T	around * ☽	
21	F	☿ Bonaparte	
22	S	crosses the	A lie repented ov bekums the
23	G	rine ☿ ☿ keen	truth.
24	M	but cold ☽ now	—○—
25	T	butcher hens	
26	W	☿ ☽ ☽ for	
27	T	thanksgiving ☿ ☽	I had rather be married tew an
28	F	☽ ☽ frosty ☽ lay	unabridged Webster's diktionary,
29	S	in yure	than tew an unabridged literary
30	G	☽ winter clams ☽	woman.
31	M		

### *NOVEMBER MONOGRAPH.*

Everyboddy wants tew be sassy at November—to turn her the cold shoulder—tew nuss all their oldakes anew—tew look az sour az a pot-bellyed pickle—tew hunt for a kat's tale tew step at,—but i aint! November iz when i harvest mi happiness, when i gather into mi pious korn krip, the moral sowing ov the whole year. I am only sorry for one thing during the month ov November, and that iz, that i am sich a poor, weak, unsartin, sinnerly cuss, and that mi nabers aint much better than i am.

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### *SUM MORE HINTS TEW BOARDIN-HOUSE KEEPERS.*

1st. If your boarders take sugar, and milk, in their kaughphy, dont put in mutch sugar, bekauze yu kno they hav milk, and dont put in but little milk, bekauze they hav sugar.

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2d. Bukwheat kakes made out ov wheat bran kost less, and soak up molasses more carefully.

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3d. In negotiating for sassige, do yure bizzness with the bolony men, then you kno what yu are gitting yu kant alwus tell what country sassige kontains.

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4th. Be kind tew cockroaches, for they often make a plate of butter last a whole week, and when you pray, alwus pray for the light eaters.

30 Days.

NOVEMBER.

1870.

Q.—What iz the eaziest  
vittles tew digest ? &

*Pick apples now, and cider make,  
And in a barrel juice it,  
Then git a straw, without a flaw,  
And through the straw seduce it.*

A.—A good joke. ❧ ❧ ❧

☾	♀	Prognostix.	SHOE PEGS.
1	T	<i>Sour cold ❧ a</i>	A debt iz alwus a growing, if it dont gro in size, it grows in heft.
2	W	⊕ ♀ stampede in	
3	T	Brigham (†)	
4	F	Youngs family ∞	—○—
5	S	□ <i>more cold</i> ♀ he	
6	G	suddenly bekums ♀	
7	M	unwedded ♀ <i>more</i>	There iz lots ov folks in the world, who covet misfortins jist for the luxury ov grunting.
8	T	[†] <i>sour</i> △ for a	
9	W	large () amount	
10	T	<i>rain</i> ❧ and iz	—○—
11	F	♀ left a 75 hoss	
12	S	power widdower 8-	
13	G	❧ <i>clammy and raw</i>	Hope iz a draft on fewturity, sumtimes honored, but generally extended.
14	M	Brigham burys ♀	
15	T	himself in ❧	
16	W	weeds ♀ <i>blustering</i>	—○—
17	T	● at the bottom ov §	
18	F	his garden patch ♀	
19	S	♀ <i>cold with sourness</i>	Prosperity makes phools, and adversity cures them.
20	G	Brother Brigham	
21	M	rallys ♀ <i>sighns ov</i>	
22	T	<i>snow</i> ⊕ he iz sealed	—○—
23	W	seven times in one	
24	T	day ● ♀ <i>sour</i>	
25	F	<i>with wetness</i> & ♀	—○—
26	S	* sealing wax	
27	G	advances 10 ♂ ♀	
28	M	[*] cents on a stick	If yu want a true friend, hire him bi the month, and pay him fair wages.
29	T	now chop wood ♀	
30	W		

### *DECEMBER MONOGRAPH.*

This iz the last month in the Josh Billings Farmers Alminax. Other dutys, ov a maskuline natur hav forced us tew haul in our gang plank. We would like tew hav hung on a month or two longer, and made a big thing ov it. Dear Reader we must part, and it iz like pulling angleworms out ov their holes, almost sure tew part the angleworms. I shall think ov yu' az long az i liv, please tew resiprokate, when yu remember me, by uttering a tear. I hav taken a kontrakt tew remove the muskeeters from the State ov Nu Jersee, west of the Rocky Mountains, tew their new reservashun, and i am anxious tew git the bulk ov them started before they thaw out. I may lose mi life in the undertakin, but i have bin told by good judges, that it is sweet tew die for ones country. I kant tell whether this iz so or not, i never tried it. Good bye, this kussid muskeeter kontrakt iz wearing on me.

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### *FAMILY MEDICINE.*

#### *Joel Biggs' Sticking Salve.*

A thing well stuck, iz stuck forever.  
This salve will stick enny man.  
It will undoubtedly stick the "coming man."  
It haz stuck every man that haz cum yet.  
No family should be without this matchless sticker.  
(Unless they are too much stuck up allreddy.)  
It iz put up in sticks twenty feet long,  
To stick a man at a distance.

31 Days.

DECEMBER.

1870.

Q.—Let us hear yu define  
water? W H G Q

Pile hi the harth, with beechen wood,  
Load down the kitchen table,  
Fill up the old klay pipe,  
And go it while yure able.

A.—Water iz,—iz goose  
bitters. Q ● ● ● ● ●

♀	Ω	Prognostix.
1	T	♀ & Cold ☹
2	F	snow now ☹ ☹
3	S	inflate sassage ☹
4	G	"Necessity iz the
5	M	♀ (-) mother ov
6	T	invenshun " ● ●
7	W	☹ more snow ☹ ☹
8	T	invenshun waz born
9	F	in Nu England ☹
10	S	☹ cold ● Plymouth
11	G	rock discovered ☹
12	M	1620 ☹ punch fires
13	T	☹ ☹ Old Zip
14	W	Coon died
15	T	1840 Ω snow ☹ too
16	F	, much hard ♀
17	S	cider floored him ☹
18	G	☹ ☹ bitter cold ☹
19	M	☹ ☹ Santy Claws
20	T	created Δ year
21	W	disputed ♂ thare
22	T	iz menny a ☹ ☹
23	F	● rose born tew ☹
24	S	blush unseen ☹ ☹
25	G	☹ espeshilly negroes
26	M	[—] more colder. [—
27	T	1870 dies ☹ ☹
28	W	pile on the ☹ ☹
29	T	☹ ☹ bed clothes ☹ ☹
30	F	good night !!!! ☹
31	S	

## GOOD BYES.

I thank God most fervently for  
one thing, and that iz, when  
everyboddy else iz happy, i am  
sure to be.

Love iz sed tew be blind, but i  
kno lots ov phellows in love, who  
kan see twice az mutch in their  
sweethearts as i kan.

If yu want tew git a sure krop,  
and a big yield, sow wild oats.

The chains ov slavery are none  
the lighter for being made ov  
gold.

In youth we run into difikultys,  
in old age, difikultys run into us.

*EXTRA EKLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1870.*

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There will be eklipses this year which have been overlooked by other Allminax makers.

*First.*—Thare will be semiokasional eklipses ov the moon, kauzed bi brandy smashes gitting between that virtewous and pale old woman, and the eyes ov sum ov our most promising young men.

*Second.*—There will be a few eklipses ov the Son, kauzed bi the old gentleman cutting oph the supplys ov Charles Fitz Henry Augustus. (Bully for the old gentleman.)

*Third.*—Thare will be domestik eklipses (visibel only tew the naked eye) kauzed bi the new Comet Sorosis jumping out ov her pasture, and cantering around promiskuss.

*Fourth.*—Thare will be teetotal eklipse during the whole of the *Year 1870*, ov all other Allminax, throughout the earth, upper and lower kanada, and sum parts ov Nu Jersee, kauzed bi the immense circolashun ov the JOSH BILLINGS' FARMERS' ALLMINAX.



*SUM SIGHS OV INFALLIBLE  
WEATHER.*

When roosters are observed before daylight in the morning, soreing among the klouds, and uttering lamentashuns, then look out for sum sudden weather, and a severe pucker in the money market.

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When yu see 13 geese, walking injun file, and toeing in, yu kan deliberately bet yure last surviving dollar on a hard winter, and a grate fluktuousness during the next season in the price of cow hide boots.

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If pigs squeal in the night, and grasshoppers cum oph ov their roost, and mingle in a free fight, yu may hope for high winds in a few weeks, and also the typus fever in yure naberhood.

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The barkin ov dorgs, the jawing ov kats, and the bel-lowing ov elephants, is a sure prognostykuss ov a dri spel, and a big bean crop.

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When spiders are seen climbing up the wall backwards, and frogs cough az tho they had the hickcups, look out fur rain ; this iz also a sure sign that children will have the meazles light.

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If bees hang around their hives, and mules are seen in a brown studdy, a storm ov sum kind iz cooking, and yu will notis the market for herring iz very cadaverous, and shifty.

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Jist before a heavy sno storm, ov 3 foot deep, chimbly swallows are unkommon skarse, and in the moral world thare iz a grate lazyness in the agytashun of the temprance question.

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When hens lay 2 eggs a day, and men cease tew brag, and wimmin cease tew cackle, then injun summer draws ni, and the millenium aint fur oph.

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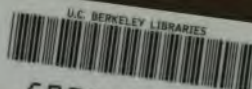
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